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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Examiner's Action dated December 20, 2000.

Claims 1-44 are pending in this application.

AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 3, line 10, insert --13 Pharm. Res. 989-995(1996) --between "." and "However".

At page 13, line 14, replace "disubstitued" with --disubstituted--.

At page 13, line 14, replace "ester" with --esters--.

At page 13, line 20, replace "a" with --based on--.